

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **October 14, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Additional Funding for Child Care Administration**

RECOMMENDATION: Amend the FY 2004 General Fund budget and appropriate \$60,818, fully reimbursable with 50% from the Virginia Department of Social Services and 50% from the Federal Government to fund child care administration.

SUMMARY: The Division of Social Services provides child care to eligible citizens who are involved with employment or educational activities. Caseloads have grown significantly in Lynchburg during the past year. When compared with localities of similar size, Lynchburg's child care staff (2 full-time permanent and 1 part-time permanent social workers) have average caseloads of 121 each. By comparison, Danville Social Services has six child care staff with average caseloads of 75 cases each. Petersburg Social Services has four child care staff with average caseloads of 70. According to the Piedmont Regional Child Care Specialist, the recommended caseload size is 60 to 70 per worker. Funds will be used to fill two existing, full-time positions as child care social workers. The positions had been held vacant in response to state budget cuts. Now that additional state and federal funds have been made available, they can be filled.

PRIOR ACTION(S): October 7, 2003 Finance Committee

FISCAL IMPACT: No local match is required, 50% State and 50% Federal reimbursements.

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ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2004 General Fund Budget is amended and \$60,818 is appropriated, fully reimbursable with 50% reimbursement from the Virginia Department of Social Services and 50% Federal reimbursement, for child care administration.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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